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After serving in diverse federal government career and political positions, in private law practice, and as a state Cabinet Secretary, **LaJuana Wilcher** brings unique insights to assist her clients throughout the country on complex environmental legislative, regulatory, permitting, compliance and enforcement issues.

Ms. Wilcher first federal government job in 1974 was as a National Park Service Naturalist. She sadly left the Park Service after earning her JD from Chase College of Law and beginning trial law practice in Kentucky. After moving to Washington, D.C. in 1983 to pursue her dream of becoming an environmental lawyer, she was appointed Special Assistant to the General Counsel at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), followed by an appointment as Assistant to the Deputy Administrator in 1985.

Re-entering private practice at a DC law firm in 1986, Ms. Wilcher represented utilities and municipalities in environmental litigation and permitting until 1989, when she was appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be Assistant Administrator for Water at EPA. After leaving that post in 1993, she was a partner in the D.C. offices of Winston & Strawn (1993-1996) and LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae (1996-2002).

Ms. Wilcher moved home to Bowling Green, Ky. in 2002 where she has been a partner with English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley since 2002, except for three years as Secretary of Kentucky's Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet.